

Impact of Disobedience out of Unbelief (Trust Issues)

Moses was a true humble, man of God and he was called a friend of God just like Abraham. Yet he did not have a complete trust in the Lord. Abraham also lied about his wife being his sister to protect his life.

Numbers 20:6 Moses and Aaron turned away from the people and went to the entrance of the Tabernacle where they fell face down on the ground. Then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared to them, 7 and the Lord said to Moses, 8 **“You and Aaron must take the staff and assemble the entire community. As the people watch, speak to the rock over there, and it will pour out its water. You will provide enough water from the rock to satisfy the whole community and their livestock.”**

9 So **Moses did as he was told.** He took the staff from the place where it was kept before the Lord. 10 Then he and Aaron summoned the people to come and gather at the rock. “Listen, you rebels!” he shouted. **“Must we bring you water from this rock?”** 11 **Then Moses raised his hand and struck the rock twice with the staff, and water gushed out. So the entire community and their livestock drank their fill.**

Charles Spurgeon said, **““I have fervent love,” says another, “I can stand, there is no danger of my going astray.” He who boasts of grace has little grace to boast of.”** He also said, **“Take heed that thou gloriest not in thy graces, but let all thy glorying and confidence be in Christ and His strength, for only so canst thou be kept from falling. Be much more in prayer. Spend longer time in holy adoration. Read the Scriptures more earnestly and constantly. Watch your lives more carefully. Live nearer to God. Take the best examples for your pattern.”**

There are consequences to not doing what God says, especially when our actions rob God of His Glory.

12 But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, **“Because you did not trust me enough to demonstrate my holiness to the people of Israel, you will not lead them into the land I am giving them!”** 13 This place was known as the waters of Meribah (which means “arguing”) because there the people of Israel argued with the Lord, and there he demonstrated his holiness among them.

Trusting God has great benefits.

[2Sa 22:31 KJV] 31 [As for] God, his way [is] perfect; the word of the LORD [is] tried: he [is] a buckler to all them that trust in him.

[Job 13:15 KJV] 15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

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God puts no trust in us because we often put our trust in vain things.

[Job 15:15, 31 KJV] 15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight. ... 31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence.

[Isa 31:1 KJV] 1 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because [they are] many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!

When Judea went into captivity those remaining went to Egypt. Jeremiah told them God said to stay where they were he could take care of them.

What are you trusting in?

[Psa 20:7 KJV] 7 Some [trust] in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

[Psa 25:20 KJV] 20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

[Psa 118:8 KJV] 8 [It is] better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

[Pro 3:5 KJV] 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Trusting God brings safety.

[Pro 29:25 KJV] 25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

[Pro 30:5 KJV] 5 Every word of God [is] pure: he [is] a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

[Isa 26:4 KJV] 4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH [is] everlasting strength: